



A Grandma's concern

Care received not satisfactory, she says

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Circus comes to town



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

On Wednesday, the Infinite Fantasy Circus Family visited the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch for a performance, that drew a solid out crowd of about 190 people. Seen here is Heien, doing some tricks with her hoops.

Stabbed in the head

Local property owner visited by males yielding knife and gun

Kris Dubé
The Times

A local man was stabbed in the head on Tuesday night over an undisclosed amount of marijuana.

At approximately 10:20 p.m. uniform officers from district no. 5 attended 960 Garrison Road regarding a robbery. Two males had attended the residence and one of the suspects pointed a handgun at the two occupants with the intention of stealing a quantity of marijuana. A short struggle ensued and the victim was stabbed in the back of the head. The victim was transported to hospital for treatment and was later released.

A gun was also pulled in the ordeal and one of the males attempted to fire it, but failed because it was jammed...according to the victim and property owner.

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Young author keeps writing

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Victim says marijuana is for medicinal purposes



On Tuesday night at about 10:20 p.m., the Niagara Regional Police responded to a robbery at this location on Garrison Road. The owner was stabbed in the head and one suspect attempted to fire a gun. Police continue to investigate.

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The males then fled the home in a vehicle, but were located by police on McLeod Road in Niagara Falls. A short pursuit ensued and was terminated when the suspect vehicle intentionally struck a police cruiser. A 23-year-old male from Hamilton, was arrested and charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of forcible confinement, assault with a weapon, robbery, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police and fail to remain. The police are actively searching for the second suspect who was able to avoid capture.

The victim, who received

nine stitches on the back of his head, says he can legally possess marijuana for medicinal purposes and has the documentation to prove it.

"I have a legal marijuana license," he said.

The two males are unknown to him and he claims to not know why they attended his place of business on Tuesday night, or how they knew he was in possession of medical marijuana.

"I have no clue. I have never seen or heard of them before," he said.

Detective-Sergeant Scott Krashaur said in the two years he has been serving and protecting the local community, an incident as violent and serious as this is difficult to compare to



We're very fresh into this investigation."

— Detective-Sergeant Scott Krashaur

anything in the past.

"I don't remember anything of this nature taking place before," he said.

Krashaur also said the police can't comment on specifics of the case, especially about the victim's marijuana license.

"We're looking into it... we're very fresh into this

investigation."

Individuals who receive licenses for medical marijuana through Health Canada, a branch of the federal government.

Depending on the severity and nature of condition that permits a person to use it legally, growing on their own property is permitted.

Health Canada determines how many plants can be produced and the quantity a person is legally able to possess.

Krashaur said there are some local residents who are permitted to produce.

"We do have a couple people in Fort Erie that are licensed to cultivate and be in possession of marijuana," he said.

When an individual is granted permission to use or cultivate cannabis by the federal government, the police do not monitor that person's use of the product when plants are harvested, explained Krashaur.

"If we get information the individual is not adhering to the conditions of their license or are committing a criminal act by trafficking marijuana, we will step in and make an arrest," he said.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Niagara Regional Police Service at 905-688-4111 extension 2300. To leave an anonymous tip or information, please contact Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Woman concerned over care granddaughter received

Kris Dubé
The Times

A wooden silver in her granddaughter's foot was a lot more serious than what an on-call doctor diagnosed at the Niagara Health System (NHS)'s Douglas Memorial site, says Ridgeway resident Nona Rivard.

On Friday July 22, Rivard took five-year-old Shyann to the urgent care centre, after showing obvious signs of extreme pain from a swelling-related injury.

They rushed to Douglas Memorial and saw a physician, who Nona says provided a service that was less than satisfactory.

After freezing her foot, he said he would return after about 45 minutes.

He did and when he applied pressure to her foot... the little girl was unable to hold back her tears and screams.

That's where Grandma's concern begins.

"He put his hands up and said he's not going to look at

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done his job, she
wouldn't have to
go through this.”

— Nona Rivard

her and that he had other patients to tend to," said Rivard.

She claims he then prescribed an antibiotic, which when they took it to a local pharmacy learned that he had ordered one that conflicted with her asthma and peanut allergy.

He also told her to soak the foot and the silver would eventually make its way out. Two days later, it had swelled considerably and nearly her entire foot appeared to be infected.

Nona and Shyann's father took her to Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara

Falls, where they were told an emergency surgery needed to be performed to help her.

For the last two weeks, she has missed daycare and still needs to see a home care nurse on a daily basis.

Nona feels the doctor they saw in Fort Erie should have seen her condition to be a lot more serious than what he said and that if he couldn't help her directly... should have referred her elsewhere for the care she needed.

"If he would have done his job, she wouldn't have to go through this," said the upset grandmother.

"He's in the wrong profession if he can't handle a five-year-old girl."

This case was brought to the attention of the NHS by the Times, and public affairs consultant Caroline Bouquie-Wiley apologized on behalf of the Niagara health provider.

"We're sorry this family didn't receive the care they hoped to receive and we strive to provide," she said.



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Nona Rivard, and her granddaughter Shyann. The five-year-old girl has missed two weeks of daycare for an infected foot that her grandmother feels could have been avoided if an on-call doctor in Fort Erie would have properly diagnosed her.

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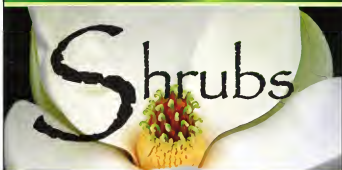


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Fort to Falls all year long

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

It's difficult to travel around the region without a vehicle, but it about to get a little easier.

Carla Stout, administrative supervisor of infrastructure services wants everyone to know starting this September the Town of Fort Erie in conjunction with the Niagara Regional Transit (NRT) will provide a year-round transit service running from Monday's to Saturday's to help Fort Erie residents have better access to health care and employment opportunities.

The service will run in conjunction with a transportation service that allows post secondary students to reach Brock University and Niagara College by bus.

"People don't realize that we already have a transit service that runs eight months out of the year to help students get to Brock and Niagara College. This service runs from Monday to Friday from Sept. 1 to April 27 in conjunction with the post-secondary calendar."

This bus service Stout is speaking about is now heading into its fourth year and it is subsidized by the town and both Niagara College's and Brock's student unions. The service picks students up at the Wal Mart on Garrison Road and delivers them to the Zehr's Plaza in Niagara Falls.

As part of a three-year pilot program, Stout says the NRT is adding a Saturday and summer service so residents have better access to health care and job opportunities in Niagara Falls and the surrounding area.

"It's a field of dreams idea. We've built a student market, and with the help of the NRT, we are bringing the service to the rest of the community that needs transportation."

Stout says she hopes the new service provided by the NRT will bridge a gap that was identified in the community.

"We're looking for the summer service to provide more employment opportunities, better access to health care and recreation."

The advocate for transit says the routes and sched-

ules still need a lot of work, this new Saturday and summer service is one of the first steps in providing a service which truly works for people in the community.

"It's our number one priority to make this service a viable one and we want people to know this service is staying and we want people to know they can rely on it."

She says many people still don't even know about the September to April service which travels to Niagara Falls.

"I still have phone calls every year with people asking me if the service to Niagara Falls will continue. This service exists and it is a viable option for people in Fort Erie to get around the region."

The only way for transit service to grow in Fort Erie is if more residents are aware of it, says Stout.

"It's like a use-it-or-lose-it service—if there isn't enough awareness, and enough ridership, then we won't have it. If more people become aware about it, and use the transit service, then it will grow."

Stout wants to encourage residents to use transit in Fort Erie and she says she wants to make it clear that the Monday to Friday service which runs during the post secondary school year is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

"It's been set in the town's budget and the transit service."

Fares for the Monday to Friday service are \$3.75 and the Saturday and summer service fares will be \$5.

"It's a pretty good deal to get around the Niagara region, especially when a cab fare from here to Niagara Falls will cost \$40."

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Amber Reigns returns home from 22-date tour of States

Two local shows coming up

Kris Dubé
The Times

Amber Reigns has made it home safe and sound, with plenty of experiences to share.

Fort Erie's local alternative rock group consisting of Nick McHugh, Enzo Herrera, Josh Humphrey and Chris Rowlands sat down with the Times last week to talk about their recent 22-date and six week long US tour.

Minor repairs to the recreational vehicle they used to carry themselves and their gear across the west coast, playing venues with paper mache elephants hanging from the ceiling, meeting locals in all the cities... there was a lot to talk about.

Hitting states like Oregon, Texas, California, setting up shop in motels, parking lots

“Everyone was great... and we'd like to thank all the mechanics along the way.”

—Josh Humphrey
Drummer

and campgrounds... it was quite the experience for the group of four musicians.

Guitarist Enzo Herrera said it would be like the tour wasn't complete if they didn't have mechanical problems with their means of transportation.

“That's something you expect when you drive 12,000 kilometres,” he said.

For lead singer and guitar player Nick McHugh, seeing that part of the world and all it has to offer was a highlight for him.

“It was pretty cool to see,”

said McHugh.

After making an appearance on a local news entertainment show in Portland, Oregon, apacked Hawthorne Theatre was also one of the best shows on the adventure, claimed McHugh.

“It was a great venue and there were so many people there,” he said.

Herrera agreed it was one of their better audiences, partly because of the TV appearance they made earlier in the day.

“People came out because they heard there was a Canadian band,” he said.

Performing in Niagara most of the time, McHugh said they are used to playing near the early part of the roster, usually when the crowd is the thickest. But on the tour, they headlined most of the shows and it was a great experience,” said McHugh.

“That's when you really have to get into it and keep the people there.”

For drummer

Josh Humphrey, it was also an eye-opener of the way of the road and how many great people you can meet in other places.

“Everyone we met was great... and we'd like to thank all the mechanics along the way,” he said.

Amber Reigns has one album released on Voodoo Records and are in the process of completing a second. Many of their new tracks were played on tour.

They are performing at the Fort Erie Music Fest next Saturday at Waterfront Park in Crystal Beach and will play at the Fort Erie Racetrack on Tuesday Aug. 16.



Amber Reigns, a local rock group, just returned from a tour of the United States, that lasted about six weeks.

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our editorial

Billboard a sign of local political climate

This is an easy metaphor to resort to, but a new billboard on Garrison Road is a 'sign' of how strong people's opinions are in town.

It is directed at four councillors who are not named on it but anyone who follows local politics knows who is being referred to and it didn't take long for us to figure out who it behind it.

One person was asked if they would be interested in getting the group responsible for the display to go on the record, talk about why they spent as much money out of their own pocket to erect the sign and the offer was basically declined.

We can respect that and agree it

will only cause more tension than what already exists... but there should be at least one spokesperson who doesn't mind discussing their motives publicly.

There was with the last billboard that was very similar to this one.

We aren't going to discuss its merits, but do see this as a hint that the tension between residents and some politicians doesn't appear to be going away anytime soon.

Go have a look at it and let us know what you think.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

We had no callers for last week's photo of the construction workers so it will go back into the "unidentified people" binder available here at the Museum.

Thank you to all of the citizens who read the Museum newsletter and let us know that the old Provincial Gas Building was on the corner of Jarvis and Klauck (present day Coffee Culture) and not Jarvis and Dufferin St.

This week's photo was taken in Fort Erie November 1986 during the cross-Canada part of Rick Hansen's Man in Motion World Tour.

If you are in the photo or recognize any of the participants, please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

The Town of Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee is working hard

at putting together an exciting celebration for the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay - taking place November 15 and 16, 2011. The committee is looking for any video clips or pictures of the original November 1986 event for use during the 2011 celebration.

If you have any video or photos please contact Bev Bradnam at 905-871-1000 ext. 2201.

Would marijuana legalization make communities more safe?



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

This debate has been exhausted at the federal level for over a decade, but this week its arguments hit pretty close to home.

A local male was stabbed in the head and had a gun pulled on him, because he had marijuana at his property on Garrison Road.

He claims to have a legal

prescription to smoke what some might call a 'left-hand' cigarette to treat a medical condition.

The purpose of this editorial isn't to point fingers at this individual, especially if his license is legitimate and he applies to the rules within it.

I'm looking at the overall picture here.

Crimes like this, in a small town like Fort Erie are unheard of.

But this type of thing happens all the time in parts of Niagara.

violent people who want a piece of the cake... a lot of the time it's related to hard drugs which most certainly should never be considered for legalization.

But many do just have to do with pot.

If possessing a quantity of government-regulated marijuana was legal, criminal organizations and other people who make a shady living in the underworld selling it on the street, would be devastated financially. It would almost be a step in the right direction in the "war on drugs."

In no way am I endorsing

this substance or telling young people to give it a try...because that's just ridiculous.

But I will go on the record saying its effects are no worse than alcohol.

It doesn't make people hop in their car and crash into a telephone pole or completely black out to the point that you can't remember a single moment from heavy use the previous night.

It has negative impacts on people and again I must re-iterate that it is illegal and people need to abide by the laws applied to them. I'm

also not admitting to be a user... I want to make that more clear than a stoner's eyes after putting in too much Vicodin.

But people should keep in mind the idea of legalization is endorsed by federal politicians, medical professionals... and a laundry list of other occupations ranging from teachers and accountants to plumbers and mechanics. There's probably a few between janitors and computer technicians too.

It's not really that 'far out' of an idea.

Imagine all the stimulus

funding the federal government could provide to fix some of Fort Erie's roads, if it had a few extra hundreds of millions to spread across the country on an annual basis.

Imagine how many less violent home invasions we would hear about, if criminals could distribute it on the street couldn't compete with government regulated product and prices.

It's something to consider... that's all I'm saying.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 807 or send me an email to editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Stop playing games and get back to work

Dear Editor,

Where's the game?
Down at the Leisureplex they play this game called hockey. This is a game that mostly Canadians play and play it very well. It's great fun to watch and great fun to play. This is where folks mostly young, but also some adults, play in friendly or sometimes, more heated competition for the love of the game.

Across the campus, over at city hall, there is a game going on as well. This is the game that involves the needs and services that the people of the town expect to receive. Just why are some playing games? Now, there may be some debate on the part of the folks of our town as to which services or how much of those services we need or how much they cost. That is normal for any town. However, it is not a game. It involves how well we live, where we live and what the town can do to make these needs available and, we would hope, affordable.

Well, it seems that we also have some of our neighbors who think the game of who is elected is

more fun than the hockey games across the way. Disagreement is normal at times and pursued in such a way as to reach consensus as to what actually is to be done. Then the staff does their best to implement the plan. The disagreement should occur in civil discourse and in such a way as to make real gains. It looks like this is not the case, lately. Our staff sees how it is around the council table and they are starting to look for greener pastures. I can't say I blame them.

What has happened is that council, for reasons of their own, now feel the need to investigate the staffing and workings of these men and women. Did they have some great area of services interrupted? Did the Public Works department drive a town truck into the river? Did the Fire Department sleep through a fire alarm? Did the Clerk's office send out double the tax bills? What, what, what? Must be something.

Lets cut out the games and get to work. Try to select a new CAO who has the skills and reputation for putting a town like ours back on track. But mostly, get out of the way so that

we residents can get back to our lives and normally expected town services with some tax abating growth and useful development. We would like to be able to see smart expenditures of our moneys, and prompt attention to real problems, with no more games.

Richard Dimberio
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks

How do you feel about the local transit service?



Amelia Gray

"Is there a transit service in Fort Erie?"



Dave Morningstar

"I think it's okay, as far as getting groceries and doing my daily errands I can't complain."



Joyce Hilliker

"I use the transit system every week and I think it's a good deal to get around town."



Maryann Osman

"Something is missing, we need more. We need to have Sunday service."

What do you think?

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Committee structure 'not fair' says reader

Dear Editor,

The second meeting of the NHS HIP Tripartite Committee was held in Grimsby at the LHIN building and was well attended by the public.

This meeting dealt with the terms of reference having to do with the independent evaluation of the HIP which was put into effect in 2008-09, and has since taken away, beds, services and accessible healthcare to those living in the southern tier of Niagara.

Some members of the committee wanted the review to be expanded so as,

to include plans of moving further services from Welland and Niagara Falls, to St. Catharines when the "Centre of Excellence" opens. As I see it, these services will mean that there will be no babies born in South Niagara, and pediatric patients will be treated, not in their local communities with their parents close by, but will be up to over an hour away from their homes.

Port Colborne Mayor Badawey brought forth the issues surrounding Port Colborne and Fort Erie and suggested revisions, and Mayor Martin spoke to the

fact that the physicians in Fort Erie have a signed agreement with the NHS that there be an independent two year review, that is a separate issue and not the review that the Tripartite Committee is working on. There was a slightly heated moment that followed this exchange and Mayor Martin stood up and held his ground. Thank you Doug.

No decisions were made, and the members were asked to read over the terms of reference and meet again at the end of August to continue deliberations and suggestions.

I, for one, have a problem with not only having two thirds of the Tripartite Committee made up of the parties that created and implemented the HIP, but it was firmly stated during the session that everything has to be in front of the LHIN and that the LHIN has to approve it. That rather takes away the idea of a democratic society when they are told how it is going to be thus having the potential to make this situation into a no win situation for the region. Not fair.

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- Individuals with **marketing skills** and individuals with contacts in the tourist industry and travel agencies.
- A **merchandise co-ordinator** to manage the sale of Fort Erie 1812 merchandise.
- We are also looking to make contact with school principals and history teachers to engage schools in the Bicentennial and specifically to seek school participation in the Grande Parade.

If you are interested in volunteering in these specific categories please respond with a brief outline of your experience to bl@coogso.ca or to the Bicentennial Website at FortErie@1812.com

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Josh Mack Memorial



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

In July, the fourth annual Josh Mack Memorial Golf Tournament was held, at Fort Erie Golf Club. The event honours Mack, a young man who died in a car accident in Fort Colborne in 2008. It also provides a scholarship to a Lakeshore Catholic High School student who plays hockey and this year's recipient was Vidal Squires, left, who is joined by his mother Sue. Coincidentally, Squires wears the same number (16) that Mack did when playing for the high school's hockey team. The event raised \$3,000.

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Students receive bursaries from BBBS

In late June, Greater Fort Erie Big Brothers and Sisters held their annual general meeting and volunteer appreciation event.

India White was presented with Big Sister of the Year. Gerry and Nina McCutcheon were In-School Mentors of the Year and the Terry Oliver Memorial Award for a volunteer who goes above and beyond the call of duty went to Terilee Shisler. On that evening as well, two students who were to receive the Charlie Jones Bursary were announced, but unable to attend due to their own graduation ceremonies that evening. Charlie Jones is a long time friend and supporter of the Big Brother Big Sister agency and a bursary fund was set up in his name to be distributed to a student or students each year whose plans are to continue their education at the post secondary level.

Priority is given to those who have volunteered with the agency or who have been a "little" who is now graduating from high school and moving on to further their education. This year, two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to Felicia Horinga and Meghan Bartlett from RCBHS. Felicia volunteered with the agency for her co-op in the Fall and early winter, mentoring nearly 10 children in the In-School Mentoring program.

If you would like to get involved with Big Brothers and Sisters, please call (905) 871-8836 or check out their website at www.bigbrothersbigsis.org for more program information.

In 2010, the agency served 170 children. There are still more than 40 children waiting in the various programs, so volunteers are desperately needed.



Sonda Barrett, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Fort Erie, left, and Charlie Jones, with Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School graduates Meghan Bartlett and Felicia Horinga. The students are this year's beneficiaries of the Charlie Jones bursary. Each received \$500 to put toward their post-secondary educations.

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Young author 'drawn to the supernatural'

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

She's artistic, passionate and words seem to drip from her pen right onto the page.

Last year, 15-year-old Lexie Hancock, of Stevensville, welcomed a group of fans at the Fort Erie Public Library (FEPL)'s centennial branch to launch the public of her free self-published first novel *Enemies of the Dark: Dark Love*. It was the first in a four-part series.

Now, the mature young author is celebrating the launch of the final three books in her *Enemies of the Dark* series — *Dark Games*, *Dark Solution* and *Dark Reunion*.

Lexie will be back at the FEPL to launch her books. The day's events will feature a book signing and a short reading from one of the novels.

And if that isn't enough of an accomplishment for the teenager, she says she has four other series which

she is currently working on... each having a supernatural theme, from fallen angels to kids with super powers.

Lexie says her novels usually involve supernatural elements, because she finds the genre intriguing. *The Enemies of the Dark* series was inspired by the genre started when she read *The Vampire Diaries* by L.J. Smith.

"I'm just drawn to the supernatural."

Lexie says writing is something she took up on a hot summer's day when she was 13 to give her something to do. The author began to read novels and decided to create her own fictional world. She says as she began reading, she didn't always like the way certain characters acted, or she wasn't too fond of the way a story finished.

"I just thought if you can't find the perfect vampire novel, what better way than to make your own."

Her mother, Sue Hancock says she was initially surprised at how dedicated Lexie was to her writing.

"After reading the first chapter of one of her first

novels, I said to Lexie if you finish this and it's substantial, we'll look into publishing it."

The proud mother says Lexie has always been a story teller and she was blown away by how Lexie's story-telling ability.

"I was really surprised by her first novel — it was epic."

For the teenager, writing has become a strong passion, or as she calls it 'an obsession.'

She has taken to filling several notebooks at a time with bits and pieces of her novels. Lexie says she has started writing some of her novels in her school books.

"In between my math notes are some of my writing. I have so much written down it can get kind of confusing."

The author says writing is something she has to do every day and she never goes anywhere without pen and paper in hand — no matter how busy she is.

"I get grumpy if I don't write."

The humble author says publishing her novels wasn't her goal when she sat down to write them.

"I don't write novels to be published, I write them for myself. Except now, other people can enjoy them too."

Visit Lexie's web site for more information or to purchase her books at www.lexiehancock.com. She says her books will also

be available on every online book store including Amazon and Chapters within a month's time.

Come meet Lexie at the launch for the final three novels in the *Enemies of the Dark* series on Aug. 6 at the FEPL from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Lexie Hancock, a young author from Stevensville will be showcasing her latest three novels at the Fort Erie Public Library today.

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Artist loves to share his creative side

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Standing in the kitchen one day, and noticing some stained glass that fell and broke, Rey Baecher was inspired by how the light from the window reflected through the broken glass pieces.

He thought it was beautiful and he began a series of glass art portraits drawn with pastels.

The Ridgeway resident has become well-known for his work, winning many awards over the years.

Baecher has been creating pastels and pencil drawings since the early 1970s and he has appeared in a handful of television commercials that have aired in Canada and the United States.

He has been highly active in the local community with his talent as an active member of both the Fort Erie Arts Council and Garrison Little Theatre.

Having made an impact in the art world both locally and across Canada, Baecher was recently visited by a television crew from UNTVWeb to interview him about his life and his work.

The artist says his opportunity to be featured on the program was just a matter of being at the right place at the right time.

UNTVWeb is an on-line public service channel based in Manila that features a program called Estranghero, or Stranger. The 45-minute program is about Filipinos living abroad who are making a name for themselves, and Baecher was thrilled to share his artwork on the show.

"This may sound cliché but that is exactly what I thought was happening to me."

Baecher was shopping in a friend's store when someone from UNTVWeb began reading articles about Baecher at the checkout counter.

"The owner of the store, Elmer, is a dear friend of mine and he was in the habit of posting articles about me and my pastel paintings on the shelf by the checkout counter and he became interested in me."

After six hours of filming, two videographers, a director, a reporter, a make-up artist, a driver and a few friends,

Baecher's daily routine was captured on camera.

"I felt like a movie star, it was certainly wonderful."

Although Baecher says he is a private man, he says he wasn't nervous when the film crew arrived and he opened up and spoke about his art and he was thrilled to be on television.

"When the crew came, I was so excited. I like to share my creativity and my art with people."

The interview aired recently and he was only on for about ten minutes. It isn't a lot of time considering how many hours the crew filmed at Baecher's home.

"The experience that day is something I will never forget for the rest of my life. I had shared myself and my home like an open book to complete strangers — it's something I had never done before."

Baecher says loves his pastel portraits of glass objects, and they are the pieces he has art done which have helped his art career to take off.

He takes ordinary items such as glass bowls, and candle holders and places them in his windows. Then Baecher will wait for the right time of day and the right light and he

takes photographs of the glass objects by the window and he will begin drawing a pastel version.

Each photograph takes three to six months depending on the size of the art. He says his glass art takes a lot of patience, attention to detail and it's something he finds challenging.

"I like to be challenged, and the possibilities with my glass art is endless because I never get the same image twice. Each time the light changes in the window, it makes different reflections in the glass. A new idea and a new composition always comes through."

To view some of Baecher's work, artist enthusiasts can visit the Fort Erie Arts Council gallery and gift store at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. Baecher also welcomes visitors to a gallery in his home. Appointments can be made by phone at 905-894-0350.

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Rey Baecher, a Ridgeway resident was recently featured in a 45-minute program online about Filipinos living abroad and making a name for themselves. Baecher is a talented artist who focuses on structural pencil drawings and pastel portraits of glass objects.

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'We Love Fort Erie Day' set for Sept. 10

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

All anyone really needs is love, and there is lots of it on

its way.

Mark your calendar because Sept. 10 is "We Love Fort Erie Day."

It's a day being set aside by a handful of churches of dif-

ferent denominations in Fort Erie to show appreciation for everyone in the community with amazing, fun and free events.

Linda Johnston, Chair for

the event, says there will be activities going on throughout the day in many locations including Stevensville and Crystal Beach.

The day of love will offer free sports clinics, a mother and daughter tea, a spa with manicures and pedicures, free exercise classes at the YMCA, a carnival with games and prizes, a car wash and a large feast of roast beef which Johnston expects to feed at least 800 people.

Johnston assures that there will be even more activities.

"We've even had a bus donated to us to use during the day to shuttle people to the different activities in Fort

Erie, Stevensville and Crystal Beach. We're still working on the schedule, but it's all going to be very exciting."

As the details are finalized, information will be posted on-line and posters will be placed around town to let everyone know.

Johnston got the idea to hold a love day in Fort Erie because she has seen other communities across Canada hold similar events with an overwhelming response.

"Towns often repeat the day on their own because of the impact it has."

Last year, Johnston participated in a love day in Dunnville and she said it was

a fantastic time.

"People couldn't believe this was going on with all the amazing free events, and they were in awe of the magnitude of it all."

She says the day is meant to celebrate the love that comes with having faith, but more importantly it is about bringing everyone in the community together and doing something nice for other people.

"We've seen these kinds of events really bring people closer together and it they really appreciate it, everyone is invited — you don't have to belong to a church to enjoy the day."

With just a few weeks left before the day is here, Johnston says there is still lots to do and she is hoping the community will help, either by volunteering or making a donation. The "We Love Fort Erie Day" Committee needs to raise somewhere in the ball park of \$8,000 to offset the costs.

"A lot of the events involve volunteers but we could still use some help and we're hoping people are willing to help out."

Johnston says a yard sale fundraiser will be held on Aug. 20 on the corner of Thompson Road and Gilmore Road for the upcoming love day.

"There will be a BBQ with hot dogs and hamburgers and we're hoping people will come out during the day."

There is still lots of planning to do and September is just around the corner, but Johnston says she isn't worried.

For a set schedule of events, visit www.weloveforterie.com over the next few weeks as the web site is continually updated. To volunteer, or to make a donation to "We Love Fort Erie Day," or to learn more about the upcoming yard sale, contact Johnston at 905-871-4640.

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Shown here are the volunteers with the Crystal Beach Beautification Committee who made litter containers in the Crystal Beach area a reality, in partnership with the Town of Fort Erie. From left to right are Lois Wilson, David Sheridan, Vivian Sheridan, Hugh Prestie (artist and project convener), Carol Goettsche, and Winnie Swaim.

Keeping Crystal Beach tidy

The Crystal Beach Beautification Committee sponsors a marathon of community enhancement projects. Along with the outstanding display of magenta hanging baskets, planters, and gardens along the streets in Crystal Beach, passersby will now find several brightly decorated litter barrels. These

barrels are strategically placed just where needed to be available for street litter.

The community of Crystal Beach strongly endorses the ideals of Communities in Bloom, says the committee and tidiness is one of those ideals.



DAYLILLIES AT THE BRIARY

The Briary is the name of the garden at 2664 Ott Road in Steneville and the home of Brian and Mary Schram. The one acre property boasts a number of flower beds in both shade and sun. The shaded areas feature hostas and shade tolerant plants and the sunny beds are mostly sunny perennials which are dominated by over 250 varieties of modern daylilies.

Garden daylilies are related to the common ditch or tiger lily, that we see on country roads throughout Ontario, and indeed they are as easy to grow as their wild cousins. The tough genes inherited from the wild varieties make them one of the easiest flowers to grow. They have virtually no insect or disease enemies in Ontario, do not need to be staked and are sun and drought tolerant although they do benefit from a good soaking and feeding in the spring. And they are available in the widest range of colours in every shade but blue. In size, they come in miniature varieties suited to the front of a border planting to giants that reach 6 feet tall with blooms that can exceed 10 inches in the spider varieties. Spider daylilies with long flowing strap petals that can make the bloom resemble giant spiders. Other flower forms include double, round shapes sometimes called begonia, triangular shaped and rarer. There are more than 60,000 named varieties registered with the American Daylily Society so there is something for everyone's taste.

Many varieties grow quickly into large showy clumps making magnificent displays in the garden and are easily divided for sharing or spreading on the property. In southern Ontario, early blooming cultivars can begin to bloom in mid June and late varieties will bloom into September. The peak month is July with lots of flowers still going into mid August. At "The Briary", there is an active hybridizing endeavouring to develop even more new varieties. The objectives in breeding include uniquely different flowers from those already in commerce, particularly in reds, higher bud counts to give a longer bloom season and plant vigour. Breeding is done with selected parents on the site and the selected seeds are collected in late summer to be sown late the following winter or early spring. Hundreds of the sprouted seedlings are planted out in large beds at the rear of the property and many of these will bloom the following year. From these plants, only a few with superior or uniquely different flowers are kept for further evaluation. The final number kept will be fewer than one in a hundred. Many of the others are culled out and composted but good plants are also gifted to visitors who are welcomed.



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To local retailers who provide wet wipes to allow their customers to sanitize the shopping cart handles. One never knows what germs the previous users' hands are spreading.

Brick

To people who let their kids play carelessly on the street with no supervision. Just because you live on a "no exit" street, does not mean it is safe for your children to play in the street! Ever!

Brick

To the people that obstruct the sidewalks with everything from cars, trucks, over-hanging tree branches, hedges, grass clippings and toys. It sure makes it difficult for people on scooters or children on bikes... and it is against the law too.

Bouquet

To the person who took out an ad in last

week's issue, asking for the owner of an orange cat that has been spotted in Black Creek, to come forward. We hope it finds its home very soon.

Brick

To people who leave their garbage cans at the end of their driveway for days after collection. All you're doing is leaving something out for the neighbourhood hooligans to kick down the street.

Bouquet

To everyone who plans to attend the annual Siege Weekend at the Old Fort today and tomorrow. It really is a great way to appreciate the rich local history we have here.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Joe Fiorica, who is celebrating his 90th birthday this month, is standing in his garden where he continues to grow many vegetables on his own, including lettuce, asparagus, tomatoes, and peppers. Gardening and growing fresh fruits and vegetables are a passion he says he will continue with until he is no longer able to.

Ninety-year-old growing up a storm

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

This green thumb is so passionate about his garden he won't let anyone help him.

Starting in the wee hours of the morning, Joe Fiorica wakes up at 5 a.m. to begin work on his garden — from weeding to watering, to picking vegetables, to composting.

Fiorica's celebrating his 90th birthday this month, and he still has the mind and the energy to grow everything from squash, to lettuce, to tomatoes to peppers and asparagus.

"I'm just happy to see him doing something he is so passionate about, it keeps him going and his age hasn't

stopped him," says Fiorica's daughter, Nina McCutcheon.

"We have someone till the ground for him now, but he plants all of the seeds and takes care of everything himself."

Growing up in a farmer's family in Italy, Fiorica came to Canada when his daughter, Nina, was just nine months old to set up a home. His wife and daughter followed him to Canada about a year later. Gardening and growing vegetables was something Fiorica brought with him and continued in his backyard.

"I have lots of memories of my dad in the garden. He was always either working, or he was in his garden. All year round, McCutcheon remembers eating something from

her dad's garden, whether it was salsa, pasta sauce, oregano, or garlic or zucchini bread.

"I remember when I was a kid we would have fresh lettuce in the garden in the spring just after the snow melted. We ate very healthy, and it was all organic and natural."

McCutcheon says her dad wouldn't let anyone else in the garden. "Not even my mom. My dad always likes things a certain way. Sometimes he would let a zucchini grow bigger than other ones. You couldn't disturb anything because he always had a plan."

Many times, Fiorica asks where he learned all of his gardening skills from and he just laughs. "People ask me what university I went to and I tell them the university in my head. I learned everything by doing and by watching."

Fiorica says the phone is constantly ringing off the hook because other gardeners are calling him and asking for tips.

McCutcheon says her father is able to grow two different fruits on the same tree through a grafting process which many regular gardeners might not know about.

"He has grown plums and apricots on the same tree and he receives phone calls all the time asking him how he does that."

"The proud daughter attribute her father's good health to his many hours spent in the garden. "It's his passion and we're happy he's still able to do it, he'll probably die in his garden," jokes McCutcheon.



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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Madeline Marck-Sherk, a 13-year old golfer from Sherston, recently won a Niagara Junior Girls Tour event and placed third in the Ontario Bantam Girls Championships. She plays everyday at Whisky Run in Port Colborne.

Kris Dubé The Times

Madeline Marck-Sherk is on par for a long career in the game of golf.

The 13-year-old Sherston resident and soon to be Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School student in September, has two recent performances in the last two weeks that prove the above statement will most likely be true in a few years.

Last weekend, she placed third in the 2011 Ontario Bantam Girls Championship at Puslinch Lake Golf Course in Cambridge.

It was a two day event where she put up scores of 84 and 76, falling behind only two other golfers.

"I was happy with the second round. I was able to putt well and everything seemed to be working," she said when meeting with the

Times on Tuesday, the same day she coincidentally won a Niagara District Junior Girls Tour event, at Thundering Waters in Niagara Falls.

It wasn't necessarily the putts that were going down for her to win this week's event, one of ten the Niagara tour holds. It was keeping on the fairway and reaching greens in regulation she attributes to the victory.

"My shots were consistent. I stayed out of trouble and kept it safe," she said.

This is her second season on the tour and she was named 2010's rookie of the year on the Niagara based circuit.

Her interest was sparked when her father Mike introduced his daughter to the game, when he was a member at Ridgeway Shores Golf Club, a track that closed about five years ago.

He brought her along when Madeline's mother

Janet was at work.

"After riding in the cart for a while, she hit a few shots and seemed to like it," said the proud father.

Madeline also has a purple belt in jiu-jitsu and is active with the Crystal Ridge Skating Club.

But hitting the links appears to be her first choice when it comes to a recreational activity.

"I just like competing and it all started when my dad introduced me," she said.

Having the entire summer off, she practices her craft as a member at Whisky Run Golf Club in Port Colborne as often as she can.

"If not, I'm just practicing on the range," she said.

When she graduates high school, Madeline hopes her career in the sport will continue.

"I'd like to get a scholarship," she said.

Mike agreed. "Not as much as Dad would," he laughed.

Girls soccer team wins tourney for third year in a row

The Fort Erie Physio Girls U14 soccer team led by head coach Lionel Pereira and Asst Coach Mike Giampaolo travelled to St. Thomas on July 23-24 to play in the St Thomas Select Tournament.

The girls won the tournament and their age division for the third year in a row.

In the five games the team played in the tournament, they were stingy on the defensive end.

Led by goalkeeper Nicole Pereira who allowed only one goal in the five games played. She was solid in goal making key saves. The defence consisting of Danielle Dupont, Rykelle Barber, Karlye Mulligan, Gabriella McKinnon and Demi Quinn had an excellent tournament.

The girls allowed very few

shots on goal, and limiting scoring chances and frustrated the opposing forwards all weekend long.

The midfield of Meagan Roth, Klara Kells, Hailey Kranics, Jenna Woodland and Katie Decicco dominated the midfield and controlled the play. They were consistently first to the ball, which allowed the team to keep possession and keep the flow going with passes to the forwards.

The forwards led by Amanda Passero, Alyssa Gooder, Zoey Perchaluk, Charlotte Pollard and Morgan Tartaglia were a formidable unit, all tournament goals. The scoring was equally distributed among all of them. With their playmaking and support of each other, they had many good scoring chances and made

the most of their opportunities. They scored 15 goals in the five games played.

The team beat Byron Blast 2-0 in the final, to win the tournament and seal the coveted "three-peat".

The girls played through very hot and humid conditions all weekend. They displayed a lot of heart and determination and courage by playing through aches and pains and injuries. The coaches and players would like to thank all of the parents and families, for their continued support and encouragement for the team.









In league play, the girls are currently in first place with a record of seven wins, one loss, and one tie. They will be focusing on defending their league championship from last season.



The Fort Erie Physio U-14 girls soccer team recently won a tournament in St. Thomas, for the third year in a row. The coaching staff is very proud of the accomplishment.

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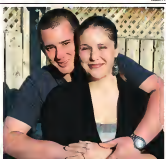
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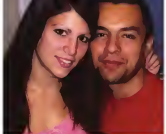


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BARKHOUSE, Clara - Clara Barkhouse, beloved Mother of Alan, Amy, Gary and Grace Cherished Mémère of Evelyn, Elsie, Triele, Herman, Kendra and the late Anna Xander. She will be dearly missed by Scott, Brittany, Laine, Krystal (son William), Brittany, Gord, Corrie, Gord, Michelle (daughter Emily), as well as by friends. A special thank-you goes out to Dr. K. Scher and the Nursing Staff of Douglas Memorial Hospital For all their care, consideration and kindness. There will be an informal gathering to celebrate her life for friends and family at her home, 3630 Disher Street, Ridgeway on August 14, 2011 from 2-4pm. A memorial mass followed by interment will be held at an earlier date in New Brunswick. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Clara's memory to a memorial education fund through **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway. Condolences and donations, please call www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

CLEMENTS, Donald William - Passed away unexpectedly at his home on August 5th, 2011 in his 82nd year. Loving husband of 60 years to Jean. Proud father of Jane (Tim) Leach, Jo-Ann (Chuck) Limbert, David (Betty Ann) Clements, Mark Clements and Jim (Kathy) Clements. Sadly missed by his 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents and his sister Margaret Barnhart. Don served the R.A.F. and was a life member of Royal Canadian Legion Br. # 71. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 & 7-8. Funeral services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. In keeping with Don's love of animals, donations to the Fort Erie S.P.C.A. would be appreciated by the family. www.bennerfuneralservices.com

CUMMINGS, Helen - Suddenly at her residence on Saturday July 30, 2011, Helen Cummings passed away. Helen was 88 years old. Helen was the beloved wife of the late Eldon Cummings, dear mother of Brenda McCourt of Crystal Beach, Bruce (Janice) of Sheraton, and the late Karen and Janice Cummings. She was the sister of Lou Clumpton of Rochester Hills, Michigan. Helen was a loving grandmother and great-grandmother and will be sadly missed her companion Stacey. At her request cremation has taken place. Those wishing to pay their respects to the family may do so from 1 - 2 p.m. at the Beechmonters Senior Center, Ridgeway on Saturday August 6th. A short tribute to Helen will be held at 2 p.m. with refreshments to follow. If so desired, donations to the Fort Erie SPCA would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, (905) 894-0120.

Deaths



GILMOUR, Wilfred (Bill) - At Bella Senior Care Residence, Chippawa on Thursday, August 4, 2011 in his 98th year. Bill Gilmour, beloved husband of the late Anna Rose Gilmour (2002). Loving father of Lynn Gilmour and Beverly (Andy) Naundorf. Most loved grandfather of Miris Michael and Rebecca Naundorf and Carter Gilmour. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Doris Gilmour and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his grandson Adam, his parents Arthur and Elsie Gilmour and his siblings Mary Price (the late George), Al Gilmour and Jean Bailey (the late Bert). A very sincere thanks to the staff at Bella Senior Care Residence in Chippawa. Your care of our dad over the last three years was exceptional. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday afternoon 2-4 o'clock. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery on Tuesday morning at 9:30. Memorial donations would be appreciated to The Alzheimer Society or to Bella Senior Care Residence Recreation Department. Sharing of pictures, memories and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

JOHNSTON, Reta Lenore - Reta Johnston, beloved wife of the late Arthur "Bud" Johnston passed away at the Gilmore home on Tuesday August 2nd, 2011 in her 94th year. Loving mother of Carol (Dave) Hecker and Eileen (Bill) Cotton and the late Cecilia Hasling. Cherished grandmother of Nathan (Courtney), Aaron (Rocky), Ryan (Ail), Tyler (Gwynne), Jared (Helen) and Josh. Proud great grandmother of Anderson, Grant, Stacy, Bryon, Sydney, Carter, Myra and Anne. Also survived by her sister Irene Thompson and her son in law John Hasling as well as her extended family and many dear friends including Sharon Thompson. Reta was a Registered Nurse and worked at the Douglas Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1974. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday August 5th from 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow in McAllister Cemetery. If so desired, in keeping with Reta's commitment to the nursing profession, contributions may be made in her memory to the Palliative Care at the Douglas Memorial Hospital or the Victorian Order of Nurses.

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ROUT, Vance Douglas - Vance passed away on August 2nd, 2011 after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Vance's joyful spirit and his love of life will be greatly missed and will continue to be reflected in his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his extended family and his friends, many of whom he met while working as a truck driver. Vance was employed for over 20 years with Highland Transport. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Family and friends are invited to attend a service to celebrate Vance's life in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday August 20th at 3 p.m. Reception to follow. If so desired, contributions to the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and donation links at www.bennerfuneralservices.com

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SMITH, Desmond M. - 1927 - 2011 - With great sadness we announce the passing of Desmond on August 5, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by the love of his family. Born in Bristol, England on March 25, 1927. Des came to Canada in 1951 and began his 40 year career at Fleet Industries in Fort Erie. There he met Theresia, his beloved wife of 57 years. Together they raised and loved their children Peter (Eve), Susan (Mike) and Stephen (Daphne). He was enormously proud of his grandchildren Gregory, Katherine, Robert, Christine, Kevin, Sarah, Eric, Holly, Merlin, Caroline and Alastair and will be deeply missed by them all. Des was predeceased by his parents, his brother Brian and infant granddaughter Mya Lisa. Des will also be missed by his brother Paul (Mary), niece and cousin in England, and his family in Austria and Switzerland. Des enjoyed a full and active life. He was an avid sailor, bridge player and past president of the Fort Erie Lions Club. A world traveller, he shared many adventures with Tessie and their friends. He passed on his love of reading to each of his children and grandchildren. Des will be remembered for his quiet dignity, wisdom, wit and the twinkle in his eyes. For their excellent care, the Smith family thanks Dr. Gleason and staff, Kim Willwett, Pat Eberly and the palliative care nurses of St. Elizabeth, and staff of the Canadian Red Cross. Special thanks to his granddaughter Caroline for her loving and attentive care. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Monday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Cremation to follow. Vigil prayers to be offered in the funeral home on Monday afternoon at 8:30. If so wished, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation.

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Deaths



WALTON, Jack Bertram - Passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie, Ontario, on Saturday July 30, 2011, at the age of 88. Jack was born on May 22, 1923 in Fort Erie, Ontario. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 63 years, June Walton. Dear father of Richard, Judy and her husband Pierre and John and his wife Meng. Much loved grandfather of Claire, Mike and his wife Haali, Jonathan, Robert, Rebecca and great-grandfather to Zoe. Jack was employed by Ceneco Customs for over 30 years and served in the Canadian Forces in Europe for more than 5 years during WWII. He was very involved in his community and was a life-long volunteer. Formerly with Station #5 Crystal Beach, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #230, the Beachcombers and a member of the Masonic Father Lodge, Fort Erie. Spouse thanks to the wonderful staff at the Douglas Memorial for their kind and compassionate care. Family received friends at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway, on Wednesday from 2-4pm. Legion Service began at 8:45pm followed by evening visitation from 7-9pm. Funeral services were held in the chapel on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Canon David Thomas. Interment followed at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery if so desired, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund, Ridgeway, Community Living, Fort Erie or Palliative Care at Douglas Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Shering of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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Deaths



YOUNG, Marion Isabelle (Doan) - Marion passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on August 3rd, 2011 in her 96th year. Wife of the late George Young (1907). She was born in Sherston on November 19, 1915. She is survived by her sons Russell (Rona) and Ross (Lynn) and daughter Carol Moffatt (Wolf), brother Cameron Doan, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She will also be fondly remembered by her son-in-law John Romanovitch and sister-in-law Alice Doan. She was predeceased by her husband George, daughters Lois Wells (the late Bob), Marilyn Romanovitch and Sharon Young, granddaughters Karen Moffatt, grandson Michael Young, son-in-law Cliff Moffatt, brother Clinton Doan and sisters Ruth Kitchingham, Blanche Gent and Margaret Leggett. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Ridgeway Horticultural Society, All Saints Anglican Church and the Stevensville Conservation Club. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 on Sunday August 7th. Funeral services in the chapel Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Memorial donations would be appreciated to All Saints Anglican Church, Ridgeway, Shering pictures, memories and condolences to the family at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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Card of thanks

HEPBURN, Alan (Mitch) - The family of the late Alan (Mitch) Hespburn would like to express our sincere appreciation to friends and family for your kindness and condolences. Thank you to the nurses at the St. Catharines General, Welland Hospital and Douglas Memorial Hospital for their care to Alan. A very special thanks to Dr. Scher and Nurse Elizabeth. Thank-you to the piper Mitch McDowell and to Fr. David Thomas for his kind words. Many thanks to Phil Soreen and his team at Williams Funeral Home for their help and kindness.

*We are sad within our memory,
Lonely are our thoughts today.
For the one loved so dearly,
Has forever been a part of way.*

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Card of thanks

"Sincere Thanks"
Endre (Jr.) & Shirley Gyurko would like to say "Thank You" to first responders, family, friends and neighbours during our recent loss of our father and father-in-law, Mr. Endre Gyurko Senior. Sincere Thank you to Deb Layland for the use of the common room and donation of food, also Nieva Lord for all her help with Deb in the preparation of food and set-up. Thank you also to all our friends and neighbours who came to "Papa G's" Memorial, Endre and I really appreciated your kind words, visits, phone calls and also thank you for the beautiful mass and condolence cards we received in such a difficult time.

A special "Thank You" to Hammond-Davidson Funeral Home "Karl & Julie" for all your kindness, help and guidance. You will be "forever in our heart".
Endre & Shirley Gyurko

*Those we love we never lose
For always they will be
Loved, remembered, treasured,
In our memory.
That's a loving God knows best.*

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In memoriam



Anna Louise Feiertag
September 28, 1947 - August 2, 2008
Loved forever, remembered always.
Eddy, family and friends.



Bukator, Peter Gordon

December 17, 1973 - August 10, 1991

In a quiet country graveyard
Where gentle breezes blow,
Lies the one we loved
So dearly and lost
Twenty years ago.
Loved and remembered every day,
your family

*There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each one must go alone;
And that is a light we cannot see
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate, our loved ones
Find happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.*

Memorial Verses #36
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In memoriam



In loving memory of
Rosa Aliberti
who passed away August 7th, 2010.
In our Rose Garden of Memories
We see you standing there
An angel in disguise
Who taught us how to care
We long to hear your voice
We are missing you so much these days
How empty our world seems
People say time heals all wounds
That someday the pain will go away
But we can't tell you
We think they must have lied
The emptiness we are feeling now is strong
In our Rose Garden of Memories
We know you'll always be
For though you're gone from this world
In our hearts you'll always be.

Call today
We can't believe it's been a year.
We miss you and love you Nanna
Love, Noah and Hannah

*A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I love you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
I wish the dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.*

Memorial Verses #61
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In memoriam

Joshua Adam Tyler Mack MAY 14, 1984 - AUGUST 7, 2008 AKA "LEGEND"

Josh continues to surprise me. I found the poem below (not verbatim) recently among some of his belongings. I believe it was from a best friend's funeral, a beautiful young man also taken suddenly two years before Josh's tragic death.

WHEN I AM GONE

I am gone, release me.
Let me go, I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't be the yourself to me with tears.
Be happy we had so many beautiful years.
I gave you my love.
You can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each of you have shown.
But now it's time I must travel alone.
Drive, while for me I must go.
But then let your grief be comforted by my trust.
It wasn't my choice to leave.
If I could have it any other way,
I would have changed things in a second.

But it wasn't my choice to leave you.
I'm not to be far away, and if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen within your heart you'll hear: All my love around soft and clear.
And when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with my smile and open arms and say: "Welcome, this is home now."

Warmest hugs to all that continue to support us in our unending grief, especially Josh's fantastic, infinite friends and our wonderful families. We continue on in Josh's name to bring to get the necessary safety measures in place at the Millenium Avenue Bridge (194) so his horrific death does not happen to another family, having to endure this daily suffering. Heartfelt thanks to everyone that continues to support the Josh Mack Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded annually to a deserving hockey player, epitomizing the spirit of our one-in-a-million Josh from Lakeshore Catholic High School. Special thanks to Corey Simon, Steve Cooper and Shawn Leggett for always keeping Josh alive in all our hearts. Remember, as a legacy to "Mack" and your families, please sign your open donor cards. As Josh wholeheartedly supported this, and while signing his card with Mom as a witness, in his own words: "I can't take it with me, Mom."

Never forgetting him, keep Josh's privacy, generosity, friendship, and love in your thoughts forever. He's still "got your back."

Love, Sue and Dave, proud Mom and Stepmom of Josh Mack
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